



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

)

)

)

)

)

)

)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 4/27/05.

Christopher C. Winslade  
Reg. No. 36,308

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Enclosed are the following:

- \* A completed PTO form 1449 (modified) which has one (1) page.
- \* A copy of each printed or patented reference listed in the enclosed form 1449 and not previously provided to or by the PTO in this application. No (0) references are enclosed.

## FEE DETERMINATION

\* No fee is believed to be due because:

- \* The applicant(s) believe(s) that this statement and enclosures are being filed before the first Office action on the merits has been mailed by the PTO. The basis of this belief is that no Office action on the merits appears to have been received by the undersigned to date.

## FEE PAYMENT

The following arrangements have been made to pay the fees calculated above:

- \* No fee is believed to be due.

However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which are presently required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

## REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

This paper and enclosures are believed to be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, based on the facts stated above.

This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the cited references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or §103. Applicant expressly retains the right to argue that any of the cited references are not indeed prior art or to take any actions necessary to remove any of the cited references from the available prior art.

The Examiner is requested to initial both copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 (modified) and return one copy to the applicants to indicate consideration of the enclosed references.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4/27/05

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher C. Winslade  
Reg. No. 36,308

McAndrews, Held & Malloy  
500 West Madison Street, Suite 3400  
Chicago, Illinois 60661  
(312) 775-8000

Under the Paperwork Reduction act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> (use as many sheets as necessary)				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
				Application Number	10/648,004
Sheet 1 of 1				Filing Date	8-26-2003
				First Named Inventor	Martin Lund
				Group Art Unit	2141
				Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
				Attorney Docket Number	14223US02

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	A1	US-2002/124114 A1		Bottom et al	
	A2	US-2002/188718 A1		McGraw et al	
	A3				
	A4				
	A5				
	A6				
	A7				
	A8				
	A9				
	A10				
	A11				
	A12				

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
	A13					
	A14					
	A15					
	A16					
	A17					

## OTHER ART -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published
	A18	
	A19	
	A20	
	A21	

EXAMINER SIGNATURE	DATE CONSIDERED
-----------------------	-----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard St. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. Send TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1800-786-9199) and select option 2.